



GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

Kairos Prison Ministry E-Newsletter

March 2026

Having a Heart to Serve for **50 Years**

Kairos is Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry

For five decades, God has been transforming lives through Kairos. Consider the impact: hundreds of thousands of volunteers have faithfully served, and hundreds of thousands of incarcerated men, women, and youth have participated in a Kairos program.

Beyond those numbers, think of the families restored, the facility staff encouraged, and the communities strengthened because hearts were changed behind prison walls. Only eternity will fully reveal the reach of what the Lord has done through this ministry since 1976.

As we approach this milestone anniversary, we invite every volunteer, Advisory Council, and State to join us in celebrating. This is a time to give thanks, to share testimonies of impact, and to tell the story of what God has done - and continues to do - through Kairos.

Beginning in March, we will launch a themed focus each month. We encourage everyone to participate in meaningful and creative ways, and to share photos and stories from your celebrations so they can be highlighted across the ministry.



Transforming Lives
SINCE 1976

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Evelyn Lemly
CEO



2026 Monthly Anniversary

We begin the celebration year by highlighting the creativity and unity within our Kairos community. Communities are invited to submit original T-shirt designs incorporating official Kairos logos, mottos, and/or the 50th Anniversary mark (1976–2026).

This is intended to be a volunteer-driven effort - we encourage teams, Advisory Councils, and States to collaborate and design something that reflects 50 years of changed lives. Designs may include front-only or front-and-back concepts and can be hand-drawn or digitally created.

March Kickoff: 50th Anniversary T-Shirt Design Contest



Submit a photo of your design along with a picture of your team, Advisory Council, or group by **April 15** to Angie@kpmi.org. | [Download Logos](#)

The selected design will be made available for use across the ministry during the anniversary celebration.

April

Invitation Month

Invite five people to a Kairos event

May

Church Month

Host a Kairos booth/table or share a mission moment at your church

June

Testimony Month

Gather five testimonies of impact, video or written



July

Celebration Month

Conference Friday night watch party events

August

Fundraising Month

Launch a car wash, pancake breakfast, Walkathon, etc.

September

Prayer Month

Pray for incarcerated men, women, families, volunteers, and Kairos

October

Kairos History Month

Share a brief history of your accomplishments with Kairos

November

Thanksgiving Month

Write a letter to thank volunteers, correctional facility leaders, or donors

2026 Kairos Annual Conference Will Take Place in Orlando, FL July 22 - 25, 2026

[Registration is Now Open](#)

The [Preliminary Schedule is available now](#) on MyKairos and [FAQs are also available](#).

We hope you join us in Orlando for a time of fellowship, learning, camaraderie, and prayer while celebrating 50 years of Kairos Prison Ministry. We have come so far from our beginnings at one prison in Raiford, FL in 1976 and we want to share our celebration with as many Kairos volunteers as possible on this incredible anniversary.

[Registration is open now](#), **we anticipate a sold-out conference.**
Register early to secure your spot.

Please submit all questions and registrations to Andy Perry at andy@kpmi.org.



Kairos Inside

Calling all Kairos Inside Women's Advisory Council Chairs and Volunteers

Please join Gina Brockmeyer, Program Coordinator - Kairos Inside Women,
on the 4th Tuesday of the month for Prayer and Share.

March 24, at 8 pm Eastern Standard Time

Zoom Meeting ID: 895 8306 7661

Passcode: 039384

Mentoring That Sees The Individual

By Kevin Resnover

For decades, mentoring has been seen as a powerful answer for at-risk youth. The image is simple and hopeful: a caring adult walks alongside a young person, builds a positive relationship, and that relationship alone changes everything. And while relationship absolutely matters, research is showing us something important, mentoring is most effective when it goes beyond friendship and becomes intentional.

A major meta-analysis of 70 outcome studies involving more than 25,000 youth examined intergenerational, one-to-one mentoring programs over several decades. The findings were encouraging; mentoring does make a difference. Across academic, social, and emotional outcomes, youth in mentoring programs showed statistically significant improvement. However, the overall impact was described as moderate. In other words, mentoring works, but not automatically, and not equally in every case.



That insight is critical

Further research compared two different approaches to mentoring. The first was the traditional “non-specific friendship” model, the idea that if a mentor simply builds a strong, supportive relationship, positive change will follow. The second approach was more targeted and skills-based, meaning mentors intentionally worked on specific areas of need presented by the mentee, such as academic struggles, emotional regulation, decision-making, or social skills.

The results were striking. Targeted, skills-based mentoring programs produced effect sizes that were more than double those of non-specific relational approaches. In other words, when mentors intentionally addressed the real needs of the young person sitting in front of them, outcomes improved significantly across academic, psychological, and social functioning.

This is where Kairos Torch Mentoring stands apart

Kairos Torch is not a one-size-fits-all program. It does not assume that every young person in the juvenile system needs the same thing. It does not rely solely on the hope that a positive relationship will automatically fix deep-rooted challenges. Instead, it recognizes what research confirms, transformation happens when a caring relationship becomes the foundation for intentional growth.

[Read the Full Article](#)

Include Kairos in Your Estate Plan

Putting Kairos Prison Ministry in your estate plan is a great way to ensure you leave a legacy and that our amazing ministry continues well into the future. You can include a specific amount in your bequest, or a percentage of your estate. You can leave your gift to Kairos Prison Ministry International, Kairos at the state level, or to a Kairos Advisory Council. Reach out to your financial advisor, estate planning attorney, or Kairos at legacy@kpmi.org to learn how you can leave a lasting legacy to Kairos.



Make a gift to Kairos

Call: 407-629-4948 | Visit: kairoslegacy.org

Create a Legacy with a Charitable IRA Rollover Gift.

Create your Legacy with an IRA Charitable Rollover gift to Kairos. This allows you and Kairos to skip paying taxes while you are making a meaningful gift to support our ministry this year. If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can send any amount up to \$108,000 directly to Kairos. All or part of your required minimum distribution may be met and the funds go straight to work towards our cause. Visit www.kairoslegacy.org, email legacy@kpmi.org, or call 407-629-4948 to learn how you can make an IRA Charitable Rollover gift and save on your taxes.



Official Kairos Apparel and Promotional Items

Kairos Threads

Kairosthreads.com

Bob & Diane Crane have volunteered with Kairos Prison Ministry for over a decade and since 2012 have produced quality custom machine-embroidered Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch apparel and accessories.



New Thread Designs Etsy Shop

Longtime Kairos volunteer Scott Maycumber offers a variety of quality Kairos products in [his Etsy store](#).



A Shepard's Welcome

By John Watson

In a prison environment, where men and women are processed in groups and identified by numbers, a simple one-on-one greeting is more than just a polite gesture – it is a restoration of dignity.

When we choose to greet someone individually rather than as part of a pair, we shift from a dynamic of “monitoring” to one of “meeting.” We mirror the moment of Christ meeting the woman at the well (John 4:1-26). Jesus didn't address the village; He addressed the woman. He stepped out of the crowd to offer His undivided attention to a single soul. When our Kairos teams hold fast to implementing our proper 1:1 ratio for greeting on Thursday night (Day 1) of the Weekend, the Participants are exposed to the following:



1. Breaking the “Committee” Barrier

Incarceration causes a profound loss of autonomy and a fading sense of self. A group greeting (one-to-two) can feel like a formal check-in or a committee visit. It maintains a “safe” distance. A solo greeting says, “I see you, not just your situation.”

Undivided attention is a rare commodity behind bars. Offering it validates that the individual is worth your complete focus and time. Our ministry mirrors the way God engages with us, not as a nameless crowd, but as His children.

2. He Knows Your Name (John 10:27)

Jesus tells us, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.” He doesn't just know the flock; He knows the individual voice of every person.

When Jesus says, “I know them,” He is describing more than just factual recognition; He is speaking of a deep, personal intimacy. To be “known” by the Shepherd means that you are not just a number in a crowd or a face in a cell; you are individually seen, loved, and valued...

[Read the Full Article](#)

Annual Conference Workshops are Available on MyKairos



We have posted the 24 workshops presented at the 2025 Annual Conference on MyKairos! Each of these educational workshops includes a recording by the presenters along with the presentation slides and handouts.

[Watch Now >](#)

Take this opportunity to build your knowledge of Kairos and watch workshops on topics you may not be as familiar with. This will allow you to be a more effective steward of our ministry's mission. Then share these workshops with others so they too can learn more about all aspects of Kairos.

Requesting a Certification of Insurance (COI)

Requests for a Certificate of Insurance must be submitted by a Kairos volunteer to kimberly@kpmi.org at least **10 business days prior** to your event.

Note: Not all meetings or gatherings at a facility will require a Certificate of Insurance. Many facilities already carry their own insurance coverage for the use of their space. Kairos Prison Ministry's Certificate of Insurance is only available to **Kairos volunteers** who are participating in **official Kairos Prison Ministry sponsored activities and events.**

When requesting a Certificate of Insurance, please include the following information:

- **The exact legal name** of the facility or venue
- **The physical address** of the facility (no P.O. Boxes)
- **The specific dates** that Kairos will be using the facility or venue.



Please ensure all information is accurate to avoid delays in processing your request.

Watch the Annual Conference Guest Speakers

Take the opportunity to view and share these [five videos](#) of the 2025 Annual Conference speakers and send them to your friends who could not attend the conference. Use these touching videos, featuring all three Kairos Programs, to share with friends and loved ones you believe would make great Kairos volunteers. Also, you can watch them to remind yourself of the incredible stories told at the Annual Conference. Take this opportunity to utilize these videos to improve your volunteer recruitment so we can expand our ministry!

[View and download these and other videos.](#)

Start a Prayer Vigil for your Upcoming Kairos Weekend

The preferred website for Kairos Prayer Vigils is www.pravervigils.net which allows for 30-minute timeslots that cover your Kairos Weekend in its entirety. It also has a feature for gathering agape, where others can upload agape and everyone registered to pray will receive it. Prayer vigils are a great way to engage the community and other church-goers to take the first step with Kairos in praying for a half-hour, which can lead to more involvement later on.

Ensure your upcoming Kairos Weekend is registered, send out invitations and cover your Weekend in prayer while also receiving agape!



Order Prisoner to Prisoner Devotionals for 2026

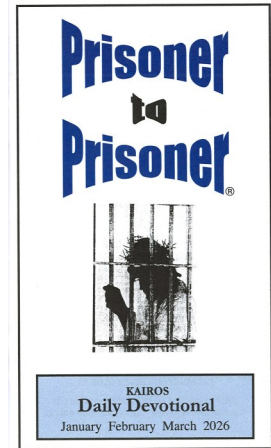
Consider ordering Prisoner to Prisoner devotionals (also known as P2P), the only devotional written by prisoners for prisoners. It's uniqueness makes it more than a devotional, but a written account of the lives, experiences, and heartfelt feelings of those who are incarcerated, making for unique and relatable content.

This quarterly devotional is perfect for ordering to distribute to your church, Christian friends, or directly to the prison chaplain in your area. Orders can be recurring or one-time. *Ask your Advisory Council to order* via the [Kairos supply order form](#) well before the following dates:

4/13/26 order deadline for the July/Aug./Sept. 2026 Issue

7/13/26 order deadline for the Oct./Nov./Dec. 2026 Issue

Postage for P2P will be calculated at the time of shipping.



Join the Kairos Daily & Monthly Prayer Times

Prayer is foundational, transformative, and prayer works! We are asking every volunteer to pray for Kairos daily at noon (your time).

Also, a Kairos prayer conference call is held on the 1st day of each month at 12:00 pm (noon) Eastern Time for 15 minutes. A designated Kairos leader leads us in prayer each month.

This call is open to everyone in Kairos!

- **Dial: 301-715-8592**
- **Enter meeting ID: 3202518737#**
- **Enter passcode: 215540#**



Gather and Submit Kairos Outside Guest Forms

Whether you are a Kairos Outside volunteer or not, you can contribute by referring potential Kairos Guests to your local Kairos Outside Advisory Council. The process is simple, just direct a potential Guest to kairosoutside.org and when they fill out the form it will get sent to their nearest Kairos Outside location who will contact them.

Upcoming Kairos Weekends

We are blessed that there are Kairos Weekends on the calendar through 2026. Please pray for each Weekend and consider submitting agape. The full list of [agape contacts](#) is available. **All Weekends can be found on the [Kairos Kalendar](#) based in KairosMessenger!** Remember to register your Weekend at kairosmessenger.org/kairosweekend.

Date	State	Advisory Council	Weekend #	Weekend Leader	Agape Email
3/4/26	NC	Central CI — Men	#57	Bill Goodwin	jfid2015@gmail.com
3/5/26	CA	Salinas Valley	#14	Don Boisvert	chris_couts@hotmail.com
3/5/26	FL	Lake Butler RMC-Main	#6	Bill Folsom	Mackcrew10@gmail.com
3/5/26	FL	Moore Haven CI	#63	Deivin Guzman	john1096@hotmail.com
3/5/26	GA	Valdosta SP	#55	John Elliott	vspannex@gmail.com
3/5/26	SC	Ridgeland	#25	Richard Sanders	stanbyra@aol.com
3/5/26	TX	Clements	#57	Luke Whaley	kairoscllements57@gmail.com
3/10/26	SC	Evans	#59	David Drehs	Daviddrehs@gmail.com
3/12/26	GA	Coastal	#30	Timothy Fausel	hanksjared@gmail.com
3/12/26	GA	Pulaski	#55	Amy Holbeck	dwingstdw77@gmail.com
3/12/26	LA	Rayburn	#34	Shane Martel	scmartel2@gmail.com
3/12/26	TN	Bledsoe County CX	#28	Dale Hensley	prayforit@bellsouth.com
3/12/26	TX	Jordan	#53	Bill Porter	irrigationshop@windstream.net
3/12/26	TX	Hilltop	#11	Paula McGregor	paulamcgregor12@gmail.com
3/12/26	TX	Ferguson	#74	Brett Bousman	brett.sterling.bousman@gmail.com
3/12/26	OH	North Central - NCCC	#30	Dwight Miller	dwightmiller@ohioec.org
3/12/26	OH	Allen-Oakwood - AOCI	#16	Marlin Frey	mrfrey13@hotmail.com
3/12/26	TN	Western TN SP	#55	Scott Jenkins	dscottjenkins@gmail.com
3/12/26	TX	Willacy	#8	David Rowland	Dvdrowland@aol.com
3/12/26	MS	Marshall County	#19	Dennis Lugar	lugar.dennis@gmail.com
3/13/26	KS	KO Kansas	#31	Charlcie Koster	kscharlcie@gmail.com
3/13/26	TX	Gainesville Torch	#2	Marvin Schick	marvinschick1@gmail.com
3/13/26	TX	KO Fort Worth	#7	Pam Miller	pammiller1913@icloud.com

Upcoming Kairos Weekends

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Date	State	Advisory Council	Weekend #	Weekend Leader	Agape Email
3/13/26	TX	Vance	#79	John Benham	johnbenham@sbcglobal.net
3/17/26	FL	Lowell CI Women	#34	Courtney Grainger	cg31219@gmail.com
3/17/26	SC	McCormick	#56	Doug Chalifour	dchali4@gmail.com
3/18/26	NC	Alexander CI	#34	Elliot Forbes-Robinson	elliott3rd@gmail.com
3/19/26	AK	Wildwood	#16	Carlos Valenzuela	teamleaderak@gmail.com
3/19/26	AR	North Central Unit	#3	John Biegel	Biegelson@gmail.com
3/19/26	FL	Charlotte CI	#59	Daniel Torres	godisknocking-willuopen@gmail.com
3/19/26	GA	Walker	#27	Paul Summerford	paulcheryl6253@gmail.com
3/19/26	GA	Whitworth Detention	#18	Cindy Bachman	cindy.rochelle18@gmail.com
3/19/26	IN	Miami CF	#27	Doug Nethercutt	rdnether@gmail.com
3/19/26	NC	NC CI—Women	#48	Alicia Sharpe	kairos48life@gmail.com
3/19/26	OH	Lake Erie— LaECI	#45	James Garlick	jgarl_68@yahoo.com
3/19/26	SC	Camille Griffin CI	#67	Shelly Smith	Shelly4722@yahoo.com
3/19/26	SC	Kershaw	#46	Joel Smith	joell.smith78@gmail.com
3/19/26	TX	Huntsville	#38	Clay Hightower	chightower65@gmail.com
3/20/26	TX	KO East Texas	#22	Karol Johnston	johnston_karol@yahoo.com
3/23/26	N So. Wales	South Coast KI Men	#1	Nick Barnitt	kiSouthCoastLdr@Kairos.org.au
3/26/26	FL	Century CI	#57	Mike Denkler	mdenkler31@gmail.com
3/26/26	FL	Columbia CI Main	#5	Ed D'Avi	edavi@aol.com
3/26/26	FL	Union CI	#96	Ray Shaw	ray.shaw.rn@gmail.com
3/26/26	GA	Rogers	#44	Chris Roberts	cjlroberts1959@gmail.com
3/26/26	IN	News Castle CF	#29	Doyle L Mahan	mahandoyle@yahoo.com
3/26/26	OH	Toeldo—ToCI	#41	Rob Garver	robshellie16@gmail.com
3/26/26	TN	Bledsoe County Women	#14	Cheria Wooten	cheria1212@charter.net
3/26/26	TX	Ellis	#9	Justin Whitehead	justinmcwhitehead@gmail.com
3/26/26	TX	Smith	#53	Nicklas Unger	ungernick1999@gmail.com
3/26/26	TX	Telford	#10	Danny Londenberg	danny.londenberg@sysco.com
3/26/26	WA	Clallam Bay CC	#29	Mark Spyker	fmspyker@shaw.ca
3/27/26	N.So.Wales	KOW Hunter	#30	Leanne Stelle	koHunterEmail@kairos.org.au
3/27/26	CO	KO Denver	#10	Wendy Lerner	wlerner.kairos10@outlook.com
3/27/26	FL	KO Southwest Florida	#31	Hope Hogan	Hopeyhogan@yahoo.com
3/27/26	MS	Central MS Torch	#5	Allison Wrenn	alwrenn@outlook.com
3/27/26	WV	KO North Central WV	#3	Colleen Weaver	csjenkins6480@gmail.com

Advanced Kairos Training Dates & Registration

All [Advanced Kairos Training registrations](#) are now done exclusively online. To register for an AKT, visit the [MyKairos Training page](#) and click the registration link. Ensure all Weekend Leaders attend AKT within 24 months of their Weekend. **Deadlines are firm so please plan ahead.**

- AKT Applegate, CA: Feb 27 - Mar 1 (**Kairos Inside**, **Kairos Outside**)
- AKT Kansas City, MO: March 6 - 8 (**Kairos Inside**)
- AKT Amarillo, TX: April 10 - 12 (**Kairos Inside**, **Kairos Outside**)
- AKT Denver, CO: May 15 - 17 (**Kairos Inside**)
- AKT Columbus, OH: May 15 - 17 (**Kairos Inside**, **Kairos Outside**, **Kairos Torch**)
- AKT Huntsville, TX: June 12 - 14 (**Kairos Inside**)
- AKT Waxahachie, TX: September 18 - 20 (**Kairos Inside**)

Continuing Ministry Training

Kairos offers virtual Continuing Ministry Training to any Kairos Volunteer who is interested. Be ready to learn more about how you can continue serving. Click on the link of the date you would like to register for to be taken to the registration page for that training. All Kairos training courses and registration links are listed at mykairos.org/training.

Kairos Inside:

[Thursday, Mar. 19 - 2pm to 4pm](#)

[Tuesday, Apr. 28 - 7pm to 9pm](#)

Kairos Outside:

[Sat. May 9, 2026, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

[Sat. August 8, 2026, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

[Sat. November 7, 2026, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)



Kairos Obituaries

***Let us Pray for & Remember
Those Who Have Been Called
By God to Heaven***

To commemorate our Kairos Family members who have passed away, please visit the [Kairos Obituaries page](#). If there is someone who has passed that should be recognized, please email their obituary to marketing@kpmi.org.

[View all Obituaries](#)

Contact Kairos

To submit stories and photos or to contact Kairos leadership and staff:

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Visit us online:
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Access a wealth of information

Get all the tools, videos, forms, prior editions of our newsletters, and more, visit mykairos.org, the Kairos website designed specifically for Kairos Volunteers.

Join Our Private Kairos Facebook Group

Many items of interest such as upcoming Weekends, prayer requests, and inspirational stories are shared in our private Kairos Facebook group.

Request to be added to the private [Facebook Group](#).